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## WEST VIRGINIA 2015 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

**Charleston, West Virginia – Corn** plantings in West Virginia are expected to total 48,000 acres, down 6 percent or 3,000 acres from 51,000 acres planted in 2014, and down 9 percent or 5,000 acres from 2013.

**Winter wheat** planted area is estimated at 8,000 acres, down 20 percent or 2,000 acres from 2014, and down 11 percent or 1,000 acres from 2013.

**Soybean** planted acreage is expected to total 28,000 acres, up 4 percent or 1,000 acres from 2014, and up 22 percent or 5,000 acres from 2013.

**All hay** acreage harvested is expected to total 640,000 acres, up 4 percent or 22,000 acres from 2014, and up 8 percent or 50,000 acres from 2013.

*Note:* These estimates were based on results from the March 1, 2015, Agricultural Survey. Forecasted estimates may change as the survey year continues and/or planting intentions by farmers are altered.

## UNITED STATES WITH 2014 COMPARISONS

Corn plantings - 89.20 million acres, down 2%.  
Oat plantings - 2.93 million acres, up 8%.  
Winter wheat planted - 40.8 million acres, down 4%.  
All tobacco for harvest - 345,280 acres, down 9%.  
Burley tobacco for harvest - 93,700 acres, down 8%.  
Soybean plantings - 84.64 million acres, up 1%.  
Sorghum plantings - 7.9 million acres, up 11%.  
Barley plantings - 3.26 million acres, up 10%.  
All hay for harvest - 57.1 million acres, virtually unchanged from 2014.